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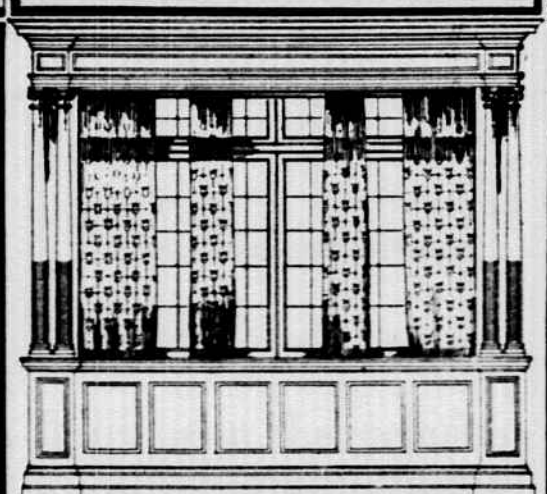
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FOGARTY'S THIRTEEN

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was his joy that Gavvy was flying, and flying well and true for his country's sake. He glanced ahead, seeking to catch a glimpse of the country beyond, and suddenly—Bang! Bang! Not the dull thud of artillery, nor the spitting sound of rifles,—Fogarty would not have minded these,—this was something a thousand times more dire—his cylinders were back firing!

Bang! Bang! Bang! The explosions came in quick succession. His valves were leaking; his carbureter was out of order. Fogarty glanced down. With the motor acting thus he could not long remain in the air. Already the little Gavroche was dropping.

It was all over in a minute. The little Gavroche, tired of masquerading as a flier, had become her proper leaping self again, and her inflated tires hit the rough ground with a blow that threw her high into the air again. She crossed the battlefield in great jumps.

"Turn yer horses! Turn yer horses!" Fogarty yelled as the foreign cavalry charged down on him; but his voice was lost in the whirl of his propeller and the back firing of his cylinders. His rudder wires had snapped, and he held to the frame of the Gavroche with a death grip. The little monoplane, leaping and jumping, with her propeller fan roaring as it tore the air, darted straight toward the oncoming cavalry.

For one moment the foremost horses hesitated, rearing wildly, and as the Gavroche dashed at them they whirled and fled in panic, bearing back those behind. Instantly the whole troop was in confusion, and the Gavroche, running amuck, leaped among them, leaped over them, driving the horses insane with fright. The bronze propeller cut and killed as the Gavroche, like a demon, darted here and there. In a minute the whole troop was a tangled, inextricable mass of horse and man, and into the panic-stricken mass our own cavalry charged, foam specked with hard riding, with naught to do but roll the snowball of defeat into an utter rout. Through the gap thus made our General cast his best troops, cutting the foreign army in two, and ending in one battle their invasion and hope of conquest.

AND Fogarty? Crumpled and crushed, he lay where the Gavroche had finally thrust her nose into the ground, wrecking herself in a hopeless jumble of canvas, wire, and metal. But one man, more or less, does not matter on the day of battle. Fogarty did not know he had won the day or that he had saved his country.

"Ye little rat, ye!" he said, trying to pull his crushed leg from under the heavy cylinders that held it down. "See what comes of bein' a woman! Ye would have yer own way; an' I'll bet two cents, Gavvy, ye spoiled a nice battle ye had no business to mix into. An' I'm thinkin' ye have spoiled a Fogarty."

They found him there an hour later when the auto-ambulance was picking up the wounded.

"Doc," he said, as they lifted him into the ambulance, "I'm hopin' me an' Gavvy did not bust up yer war."

"You did, though," said the surgeon. "Ah, now!" said Fogarty, tears coming into his eyes. "Then they'll be takin' the little Gavvy flyin' girl away from me, poor darlin'!"

"What they will do will be to make you Admiral of the Air Fleet, more likely," said the surgeon. "You won the battle for us."

Fogarty tried to rise. "Whoa up, then!" he said. "I must see to puttin' Gavvy where she won't be hurt worse—"

"You'll see to nothing!" said the surgeon. "You'll have a month in the hospital first, my man!"

"A month! A month!" said Fogarty. "Well, annyway, I'll get a letter wrote to Kate Molloy if I have a month to meself. Are ye kiddin' me about the Admiral business, Doc?"

"No, indeed!" said the surgeon. "You can write that to your Kate. You can write that you saved the country; that you are the nation's hero. You can go as far as you like, Fogarty."

For a minute Fogarty lay silent on the jolting stretcher gazing at the roof of the ambulance; but a pleased grin covered his face. Then he raised one bruised arm and laughed. "Say, Doc," he exclaimed, "ain't I the limit? I come out an' busted up the war in me shirt sleeves!"

STATES THAT RANK FIRST

BY ARTHUR I. STREET

UNCLE SAM manages to spring a surprise on himself about the middle of every year when he finishes his annual countup. He always knows in advance, of course, that New York State is going to rank first in population; but it gives him a jolt to discover, as he did this year, that the little State of Nevada stands head and shoulders not only above New York, but also above the scholarly Massachusetts, in the amount of money it spends per capita for the education of its school children. Also it makes him scratch his head to see that, notwithstanding all that is said against sweatshops and child labor and that sort of thing in the big cities, Alabama, which has hardly any big cities at all, has more girls engaged in "gainful occupations" than any other State in the Union.

Pennsylvania, where boys are extensively employed in the coal mines, distances all other States in the number of boys engaged in "gainful occupations"; but so does Pennsylvania distance all other States in the number of members of Protestant churches, which fact may be an offset, in a moral way, to what is considered by many to be an evil in an economic way. Pennsylvania, of course, ranks next to New York in population, and, interestingly enough, has been second in rank ever since the first census was taken in 1790. But it is another one of Uncle Sam's surprises this year to find the Keystone State distanced by California in the output of petroleum, and by North Dakota in the estimated amount of coal resources.


Pennsylvania, however, gets even on California by being first in the output of cherries. And that is saying a great deal; for, when it comes to fruit, California not only leads the nation in the matter of oranges and lemons, but is at the head in the output of peaches, plums, pears, and sugar beets. New York distances it on apples and on potatoes; but not even Colorado or Alaska can wrest the supremacy from it in the matter of gold output. Alaska did stand quite far up and securely on the top in the gold business for awhile; but it has fallen back into third place now, while Colorado, which

is a pretty steady mineral producer right along, keeps the second rank.

Another interesting and at the same time surprising respect in which California almost holds the lead is in the number of French persons within the State. Uncle Sam would hardly expect the largest number of Gauls to be so far away from their home country; but the California wine industry evidently exerts a fascinating power which the greatest of all winggrowers can hardly resist, and the result is that only New York exceeds the Golden State in the total of French inhabitants.

The Swedes and Norwegians, of course, give Minnesota the lead on their nationality, there being over one hundred and twenty thousand of one and over one hundred thousand of the other in that State; but, surprisingly enough, the largest number of Danes is to be found in Iowa. The Belgians flock most largely to Illinois, as do also the Bohemians and the German Poles. Massachusetts has the palm for Portuguese, Pennsylvania for Russian Poles, New York for Russians pure and simple, and Ohio for Austrians. Of course, New York is at the head in the matter of Irish, as it is also in the matter of Germans, and incidentally in the amount of fermented liquors. Illinois beats New York in the amount of distilled liquors.

But, speaking of races, there are, of course, some illuminating things about the negroes in Uncle Sam's countup. One thing is that the largest number is in Georgia; but that does not seem to mean that Georgia has the largest cotton crop: Texas beats it on cotton by over sixty per cent. It does mean, though, that Georgia has by far the largest number of Baptists and makes the largest amount of sugar, molasses, and syrup. Owing to the negroes, the percentage of illiteracy in the South is very high, being twenty-two and twenty-three per cent. of the total population, as against five and six per cent. elsewhere; but even in the percentage of illiterate whites the Southern rank is high. North Carolina leads with nineteen per cent., being surpassed only by New Mexico with twenty-nine per cent. The greatest number



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